

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP PLAN ENDORSEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2008

Bedminster Township; 5:30 PM

In attendance:

Jason Andris
William Mosca
George Rodelius
Sally Rubin

Chuck Newcomb, staff

The first order of business was to review two pieces of correspondence from the Office of Smart Growth.

The first document was a memorandum from Ben Spinelli, Executive Director, outlining State agencies' responsibilities for the Opportunities and Constraints Assessment period of the Plan Endorsement process. The document specifically provides to municipalities and counties information from the agencies for their visioning process.

The second item discussed was another memorandum from Mr. Spinelli outlining a modification to the State Planning Commission's rules. The modification addressed a method to reinstate centers that have expired. The memorandum to the Plan Implementation Committee of the State Planning Commission stated that expired centers could be reinstated with the petition of a municipality for Plan Endorsement. This change directly impacts the two designated centers in Bedminster which expired on January 7, 2008.

Upon review of the Municipal Self-Assessment the committee decided to utilize a modified demographic appendix from the 2003 Master Plan for the required demographic portion of the report. One of the updated information items would be the use of the preferred projections from the Somerset County Cross-Acceptance Report.

The committee also discussed additional changes to the report such as obtaining grant information from the Township Clerk, adding the Purcell School and updating the list of pre-schools.

The last item discussed was the conducting of a public hearing before the Township Committee on the municipal Self-Assessment. It was decided to conduct the hearing on March 3, 2008. A draft notice and resolution would be provided to the Township Clerk by Banisch Associates, Inc..